

**STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Columbus USDA office Conference Room
COLUMBUS, MT
July 11, 2017**

Chairman Steve Story called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Supervisors present were Steve Story, Butch Behrent, Bob Van Oosten, Will Downs, Noel Keogh, Rod Fink, and Corky Kem. Also present were Garrett Larson, Tanya Lester. Jim Edwards (Associate) was excused.

MINUTES

Bob Van Oosten moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with as presented. Will Downs seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Butch Behrent moved to accept the treasure's report and pay bills as presented. Rod Fink seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Noel - There will be a SVWC meeting on Wednesday July 12th at the Clint Branger Ranch. The SVWC BBQ is scheduled for the 12th with the float and pull the next day. Range Days was a big success. Thanks to the Stillwater county NRCS office and SCD office for all their help.

Bob – This month's planning board meeting is cancelled. Last month the board looked at an already built area on Tippet Rise that needed to be changed to subdivision rules do to the fact that they use the properties to house visiting artists. The proposal passed.

Tanya – Received a thank you from the Carbon Conservation District and the Montana Range days Local and State Committee for our help at Montana Range Days. Have been getting a lot of walk ins regarding the HB110 and water rights. Directing people to call the hotline #.

Garrett – On June 13th went with NRCS, a photographer and TV crew to interview Noel Keogh focusing on Range Health. These are for ads that will be coming in the future. The NRCS office attended a tour at BPMC on June 14th. June 19th – 21st the NRCS office helped with Montana Range Days in Red Lodge. On June 28th there was a planting evaluation at the Berry Ranch. This month working on field evaluations and grazing plans. May receive money for another pivot project through EQIP. The Area IV meeting is coming up in September and if a supervisor would like to go with the NRCS they must registered as a volunteer to ride along.

Public Comment: None

310 APPLICATIONS & COMPLAINTS

16-012 – Hogan RipRap – Corky and Jason went out on Thursday, July 15th. It appears that AI has corrected the violation and the soil was reseeded.

17-E02 – Cove Ditch Emergency – Wooden parts of the headgate were broken during high water and the excess water was causing damage to the ditch. Concrete blocks and large sand bags were used to stop the flow so the ditch could be repaired. Would like to schedule inspection in August. The board will schedule an inspection at the meeting in August.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Updates:

RRG-14-1605 –Kevin will be finishing up work on this grant in the next 6 months. Need to have public meeting to present results.

RRGL application Yanzick/Brey Riddle – Sent an updated scope, schedule and budget. Waiting for contract from DNRC. Funding should start after September 2017. Working on a MOU with the ditch users to pay for the match portion of grant.

223 Grant – Lower Stillwater Assessment – Warren has been selected as the contractor to do the assessment. He will be walking the river after high water.

FY 2018 Admin/310 Grant – The SCD received the grant from DNRC. The amounts are: \$3,490.00 for the Admin portion and \$1,359.26 for the 310 portion. Waiting for contract from DNRC.

Landroller Repair – Will Downs can fix the hitch on the landroller this winter.

ST1601 Hamilton Water Reservation – The Cove Ditch has not met yet to approve this application coming out of the Cove Ditch.

NEW BUSINESS

MACD Spring Board Meeting – Information has been distributed by email and is available in print form in the office.

Resignation – Tanya presented her letter of resignation to the board. A hiring committee was formed to look for a new administrator that consisted of Corky, Rod and Butch. The ad will be distributed in the paper for the next 2 weeks with a due date of July 31, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Lester
Administrator

Steve Story
Chairman, SCD

Robert Van Oosten
Secretary, SCD